THAT CONSUMPTION CURE.

HIRSCOFELDER'S NEW SERUM AND ITS VALUE AS A REMEDY.

Consumptives Alleged to Have Been Cured Shown to Boctors—San Francisco Physicians Are Divided in Opinton—A New York Physician and a Chemist Say It to Abourd. SAN FRANCISCO Oct. 20 -The medical profesbion of San Francisco is divided over Dr. Joseph O. Hirschfelder's discovery of an afleged cure for consumption. The discoverer is backed by Cooper Medical College, of whose faculty he is a member, while those who dany his claims belong to the rival College of Physicians and Sur-

Dr. Hirschfeider and his supporters claim that with the aid of Kuch's tuberculin he has perfeeted exytubere his or serum, which has cure Attvaticed cases of construction in six months, heavy to the remarkable heating powers of this serum. His opponents declare that he has bimply used personale of hydrogen in treating fuberculin instead of monoxide of hydrogen, which Koch employed, and that his method len't so good as Koch's because free peroxtile is left in the fluid offer treatment, and must be expelled again by extreme heat before the serum is ready for use. These critics also say that consumptive patients may be encouraged to believe anything about their condition and that the new cure cannot be said to have any more value than those brought out by Koch and others, which proved dismal failures, until the patients treated show that their recovery is permanent. Meanwhile they call attention to the fact that Hirschfelder is selling his serum for \$5 a bottle and that many poor consumptives will flock to San Francisco, which, with its r w winds and cold fogs has about the worse climate in the world for

Dr. Hirschfelder's discovery was first heard of last April, when the announcement was made that he had perfected a lymph which had been tried upon dogs and had proved successful, and which had also worked remarkable cures on buman beings. The lymph was injected hypo-dermically, and the patients after a few days crased to cough. An examination showed that the tubercules were healed by the action of the lymph or serum, and in cases of laryngeal tuberculosis this healing could be seen plainly. Dr. Mirschfelder sent announcements of his experiments to many medical journals and societies and from several sources received encouragement. The majority, however, appeared to consider his work chimerical.

porsons suffering from tuberculosis,

Last Sunday, at the Cooper Medical College, 1)r. Hirschfelder exhibited twenty consumptive patients who had been cured by his remedy I ame were in advanced stages and deep tuber e 'es in their lungs had not entirely healed, but the sputum which they coughed up showed no traces of bacilli. The showing was so remarkable that when an account of it was printed. with an account of Dr. Hirschfelder's method of producing the scrum, it created a great sensation, and, being telegraphed all over the world, caused much discussion.

Dr. Hirschfelder worked on his cure for two years, and spent nearly \$15,000 in perfecting it. The work required costly apparatus and demanded large expenditures for Koch's tuber-culin. From Berlin Dr. Hirschfelder has imported \$4,000 worth of tuberculin, and he has bought enough yeal to feed an army.

His method of perfecting oxytuberculin, put Into simple English, is as follows: Veal is soaked in water, and its juice is then expressed, builed, and filtered. Glycerine, peptone, and sait are put into the liquid, which is made slightly alkaline with carbonate of soda. In this liquid the germs of tuberculosis are grown. When they are fully developed, the liquid, with the germs, is boiled and filtered. The resultant liquid is tuberculin. This tuberculin is the basis of Dr. Hirschfelder's preparation, Peroxide of hydrogen is added, and the mixture is heated for 130 hours, at the end of which time it is exytuberculin. This is clarified with a caustic soda solution, and 5 per cent, of boracic acid is put in to keep it from decomposition. greatest care is necessary in all the details of making oxytuberculin. All bottles and atensils used are sterilized under 100° centigrade of heat.

Or. Hirschfelder claims that in his use of peroxide of hydrogen lies the whole virtue of his discovery. He declares that it makes valuable his serum, whereas Koch, working with monoxide of hydrogen, produced scrum that had no permanent effect on tuberculosis. For five days he adds peroxide of hydrogen to his tuberculin until he has put in the same amount of peroxide as of tuberculin. The peroxide is converted into water, but in this conversion it re moves the poison from the tuberculin and fits it for curative purposes.

Dr. Hirschfelder inoculated a healthy dog, and produced all the symptoms of consumption. The dog had a cough, lost flesh, and would not eat. Then oxytuberculin was injected, and in a few days a marked improvement was shown. In two months the dog was as well as ever, and showed no traces of the experiment.

Then the doctor was encouraged to try oxytuberculin on several patients who were willing to take the risk. Tubercules in the lungs or larvex were heale; rapidly, the cough stopped, and the patients soon began to increase in

Dr. Hirschfelder claims that in no case where his orders have been followed rigidly has there been any failure to cure. His most remarkable case is that of Thomas II. Williams, Jr., ayoung sporting man who is as well known in New York as in San Francisco. Williams has raised many fine thoroughbreds and has attended the big circuits for years. He contracted consumption more than a year ago and visited several New York experts. They all told him that he had not more than six months of life left, even if he spent his time in southern California; he returned to his home in despair, but hearing of Dr. Hirschfelder's cure, he put himself under the doctor's care. Williams appeared on Sunday and bore witness to the efficacy of the new cure. He declared he was thoroughly cured. Those who know him well say that he still shows signs of the malady. One putient with laryngeal tuberculosis

opened his mouth, and the doctors were able to See sears of ulcers which had healed. In another patient, who had been treated only a few weeks, the cavities in the lungs had not healed, but the sputum was examined and it betrayed no bacilli, showing that the serum killed the tubercules. Opposition to Dr. Hirschfelder's claim comes from Dr. S. L. O. Potter and his fellow members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Among them are Drs. P. J. Farrell and Winslow Anderson. Dr. William McNutt, formerly of Nova Scotia, and recognized as leading gynecologist of this city, is also skeptlcal. They say that the cure is of little more walue than Koch's famous cure, which was ex-

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consumption. terests of humanity I feel constrained to take up the cudgets and denounce such a statement. An infant in chemistry can have nothing but scorn for any man calling himself a physician who tries to foist such a formula on the profession and ask it to believe he is carnest in his asser-

The formula, as printed, is as follows: Veal is soaked in water and, the resultant liquid is boiled and filtered. Glycerine, peptone, and sait are This oxytuberculin was first tested on a dog. | put in it and it is made slightly alknime with carbonate of soda. The germs of tuber-ubeds are grown in this liquid. When they are fully developed the liquid is boiled and filtered.

The resultant is tuberculin. Peroxide of hydrogen is added and the infature is heated for 180 hours when it becomes oxytuberculin. This is clarified by decomposing.

What an absurd and unscientific statement! The very principles upon which he bases his discovery, and its chemistry are against all fun-

damental laws, from beginning to end, damental laws, from beginning to end,
When peroxide of hydrogen comes in contact
with any albuminous matter it undergoes an
Instantaneous change, and so does the material.
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It is necessary to keep peroxide of hydrogen
in a cool place, preferably on ice, to maintain its
uniform integrity. Therefore, any novice can
understard that the instant it is heated the
oxygen evaporates, and nothing is left but water.

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But to return to the formula: Ask any chemist of standing what Dr. Hirschfelder really obtains after he has completed this claborate menu. He will tell you, after making the test, that the result is wnat!

Flith! Without a single medicinal property. Fifth, which is a poison in itself, and to put it into the hauman system is a crime. It so na par with a number of nauseating and disgusting compounds and antitoxins which are being administered to and injected daily into sufferers from pulmonary troubles by doctors who follow the compounders without having the ability to test for themselves or to know the danger of the poisons they are using.

Dr. Hirschfeider may have convinced the faculty of Cooper College, but it is size to say that, if the faculty has given the formula as printed its approval, it has taken Dr. Hirschfeider's word for everything without investigation.

Charles Marchand, one of the leading chemists

Charles Marchand, one of the leading chemists in this city, and the pioneer in the manufacture of peroxide of hydrogen, on which Dr. Hirsch-feider chiefly depends, fully agrees with me in my deductions and says that "Any man who uses peroxide of hydrogen in such a compound and in such a manner is a navice in the art of chemistry."

So many nostrums, sileged antitoxins and poisons are now being used as cures for consumption that I hope you will torgive my trespassing so much on your space in the exposure of one of them. Yours truly,

J. MOUNT BLEVER, M. D.,

460 Lexington avenue, New York city,
Mr. Marchand wrote this letter to Dr. Bicyer;

walte than Koch's famous cure, which was expooled by Prof. Virchow, and that it can be successful only when tried on incident cases. They seem the dea of curing advanced cases with seron or of bailding up radically diseased tissue. In fact, Dr. Potter says that Dr. Hirschieder's whole scheme is to menufacture tuberculin here and supply the feast.

So the discussion force on among the physicians but Dr. Hirschieder's Remedy is selling innervation to the second of the consumptives, who are not a claimed of the alligned to consumptives, who are in a claimed of the alligned to consumptives, who are in a claimed of the alligned to the filter of the first of the second case and, which is added to the decomposition of the peroxite of the proxite of the

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"The Mayor was a man who thought slowly, but to a purpose; and, having set himself the but to a purpose; and, having set himself the said one former Arctic muster. "You see, no if to these totals he added the steam railway task of devising some way of circumventing the two seasons are alike, and at this season the system in New York, the Central, Harlem, and member from Roseburg, he passed the next three days in profound cogitation. He conceived a scheme whose various elaborations and ramifications were too diversified for him to handle alone, and he came to me for help. I had just gained considerable influence in the county through backing a projected railroad to the coast, and also as a real estate dealer and sawmill owner. With my business methods and the Mayor's knowledge of the conditions confronting us, our plans were soon put into operation. First, we suggested the candidacy of an ambifious young Dramite, a dealer in feither goods and hardware, for member of the legislature, taking all the wind out of his opponent's sails by heartly indorsing the taik in favor of a new hormal school. Meantime wo had a large grain field of the Mayor's, which had begun to lose its fertility on account of overcultivation, surveyed into city lots, and as soon as our candidate had received the regular party nomination we put the town site of East Drain, with its atreets maned after conspicuous men of the State, on the market, and gave one of its centrally located blocks for the new Normal School.

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"Well, everything came to pass exactly as we had planned. Our candidate was elected, and the buildings of the new Normal School on the site we gave was authorized. We soid a sufficient number of East Drain lots to more than pay for the land and all expenses. The contractors on the new school were men who had aided the legislation authorizing it, and they got their supplies from the Mayor, their hardware from the member, and their humber from me. My mill also supplied lumber from me. My mill also supplied lumber from the proper dever since. The Postmaster's increased lessness soon warranted his moving into one of the two brek buildings in the city of Drain, and the torner dealer in leather goods and hardware is still member of the Ore, on a scheme whose various elaborations and ramifications were too diversified for him to handle

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New Bedford, Oct. 30.-Nowhere was more concern felt than here over the alarming news board the ships, and the wives and relatives of suspense. At the same time this city contains hundreds of men who have faced death in the Arctic regions, and they are able to weigh the chances of the men and a ship supposed to be imprisoned in the ice pack. In the case of the abandoned whater Navareh, they rightly predicted that more than eight of the crew would

"It all depends on the condition of the ice." weather changes in all sorts of ways. I remember that I tried once to get out past Point Tangent, the worst place for ice blockades in the Arctic, and found the coast perfectly clear. while the Bear, which started to come out three days before, had been obliged to pound away for a couple of days getting through. The winds are very changeable. I guess what they say about having only two months' provisions on hand is all right, for when 1 satisf from San Francisco for the Pacific Company we seldom had more than that quantity on hand at any time, and if we had been nipped the Lord knows

what we would have done." Another old whaler ventured the assertion that the enforced Arctic winter would prove a blessing in disguise. If the vessels are east of Point Barrow they are only 400 miles from the Klondike regions, and it would be possible for winter. There has been trouble from desertions among the whalemen of the Herschel Island fleet for several seasons, the men running away to the gold fields, and a couple of scasons ago a big batch of deserters were pursued by a force from the ships and a battle cusued. There

may be some similar desertions this year, In September, 1888, thirteen vessels of the In September, 1888, thirteen vessels of the Arctic fleet were in a similar predicament in the vicinity of Heraid Island. On Sept. 25, six days after the vessels were nipped, a relief party was sent out from Fox Island with wood and clothes in the whaling steamers Jesse A. Freeanen and Thrasher, but if a storm had set in all efforts at relief would have been useless. The vessels were soon swept toward the Silsevian coast. following to the course of the unfortunate bark Napoleon, lost three years before, and from which only one man escaped after two years of almost increding hardships in the region of fee and snow. The situation of the vessels was almost increding hardships in the frequent Arctic fleet, for they were supplied with provisions only up to Nov. I, when the cruise would have ended at San Francisco. When the news was received in New Bedford the opinion of by far the greater number of Arctic whalenew was that the only hope of the crews to escape was to abandon the ships and make for the shore. This course was not followed, and yet every vessel eventually escaped, but considerably the worse for the conflict with the ice. The officers of the vessels and gractically abandoned hope when on Sept. 29 it began to blow st ong from the northwest, and every vessel set sail determined to fight her worse to the conflict with the ice, all more or less battered, but estimpt has a surface, all more or less battered, but estimpt has a surface, all more or less battered, but estimpt has a surface, and the wind not the surface which has a surface, and the wind not the surface was the surface. the still tree.

The only hope of the fleet, had the wind not changed, would have been through St. Peteraburg. An expedition organized from the Rusburg coast might have reached them, but not from any other point. The sending of the United States cutters would have been so much wasted money.

In respect of elevated railroad service New York and Brooklyn will stand far in advance

contained in The Sun last week to the effect | not only of other American cities but of all that several ships of the Arctic whaling the t American cities combined, for they will have had been caught in the ice and that their crews | together 160 miles of elevated lines, whereas were in danger of starvation. For besides the | the next largest clevated railroad mileage, in fact that New Bedford money is still invested in | Chicago, is only sixty-six. The street car mile-Arctic whaling there are New Bedford men on lage of the present city of New York is 365, of which one company, the Metropolitan Traction, the men on board see before them months of has 185, thirty dive of which are operated by cable or electric power. The Third Avenue Railroad Company has fifty-five miles of surface district, sometimes, called the Huckleberry, has twenty-eight. The railway system of Kings county has 250 miles, exclusive of the elevated railroads and the steam car lines be heard from, and now they are inclined to take | running into and out of Brooklyn. There a hopeful view in the case of the ships reported | are thirty miles of double track and eight miles of single track steam lines and thirty-five tailes of trolley car lines on Staten Island, and New York and Northern, within the city boun daries, a total of 1,000 miles of railroad mileage within the Greater New York is obtained, a mileage larger than some European countrie have and a mileage remarkable in other respects, the number of passengers carried being greater per mile than in any other country and than in any other city of this country. Philadelphia has 400 miles of street railroad. Chicago nas nearly 600, exclusive of the primitive affair known as the Chicago Klevated. Boston has 550, St. Louis 250, Bentimore 225, Washington 140, San Francisco 231, Pitisburg 242, Chicinnati 261, Clevelsnd 192, Detroit 166, Louisville 150, and Buffalo 150. While the development of the railroad lines of the country has been retarded during the last few years in consequence of the hard bimes, the mileage of the surface lines within the large cities and connecting neighboring lowns has been increased enormously by the introduction of the trolley.

At the benchang of the civil war, the mileage centre of the country was at Mansfield, 9, which has since enjoyed the distinction of having Secretary John Sherman for its most conspicuous resident. In 1850 the railroad centre of the country was thry miles northwest of Logansport, Ind., and it is now about seventy-five miles southwest of Chicago

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